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ANNUAL CONVENTION AT LOUISVILLE APRIL 1-2

The 1937 annual convention of the Catholic Library Association will be held at Louisville, Ky., April 1 and 2, in conjunction with the National Catholic Educational Association. Under this arrangement it is expected that more religious will be present at C. L. A. meetings while their companions are in attendance at the N. C. E. A. sessions. Superiors will welcome this two-fold program for it will enable them to have their institutions properly represented at both meetings at considerable less expense. The officers anticipate that not a few educators will "look in" at one or more of the C. L. A. sessions and thus learn firsthand something of the aims to which the Association has pledged itself. Sister Canisius, Nazareth College, Louisville, has been appointed local chairman of the C. L. A. activities. Complete details of the program will appear in the March number of the *WORLD*.

PORTLAND, ORE., LIBRARIANS GATHER TO DISCUSS MUTUAL PROBLEMS

The local unit idea crystallized in the Northwest recently when through the instrumentality of Sister M. Catherine Eileen, librarian of Marylhurst Normal School, organizations were established in all of the principal cities of this area.

The Portland unit held an enthusiastic meeting January 30, at the University of Portland and after some time spent in viewing the library and in just meeting one another, outlined a definite program of action. Mutual aid, one feature of which is the formation of an advisory committee to help librarians in their individual problems was decided upon. A city-wide book drive to increase the volumes in existing libraries was contemplated and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Brother David, C.S.C., librarian of the University of Portland and Sister M. Rose Miriam, assistant librarian of Marylhurst College, were named temporary chairman and secretary respectively. Every college and high school in the Portland division was represented. Sister Mary Margaret of Hungary, librarian of Marylhurst College, will be hostess at the next meeting to be held at Marylhurst, Feb. 27.

JEANNETTE MURPHY LYNN'S *ALTERNATIVE CLASSIFICATION* JUST PUBLISHED

The back cover of the February *Bulletin* of the A. L. A. announces the publication of Mrs. Lynn's *Alternative Classification For Catholic Books*. This is the tool for which Catholic librarians have waited these many months, and in whose preparation the author devoted many months of studious research.

The volume consists of 475 pages including about 60 pages of a theoretical introduction which surveys the philosophical bases of book arrangement according to scholastic principles. There then follow 25 pages of discussion of the peculiar problems involved in the classification of religious books, and of Catholic books in particular. There are five pages of suggestions for adapting the notation to local needs, or to use with either the L. C. or D. C. notations in other classes. That is, by substituting these schedules for certain specified classes in either scheme they can be fitted in without disturbing the logic of the whole, or confusing notations.

There are about 400 pages of schedules for books of I. *Ecclesiastical Literature*; II. *Theology and Liturgy*; III. *Canon Law*, and IV. *Church History*. Books under each heading are treated systematically and scientifically, and withal, from the Catholic viewpoint. The opus reflects the diligence and scholarship of a Catholic librarian who has devoted about a decade of years to a consideration of the subject. Archbishop Stritch, who has placed his imprimatur on the volume, enthusiastically suggests a similar treatment of Philosophy.

Mrs. Lynn has dedicated the book to Father Etzig, late president of the C. L. A. This is a genuine gesture of appreciation for the latter's help and interest.

Librarians, Catholic in particular, owe the author a profound debt of gratitude for providing them a means of solving the knotty problems connected with the classification of books on religion. The *Alternative Classification* is published jointly by the A. L. A. and Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee. Readers of the *WORLD* are asked to purchase their copies from Bruce. The cost of the book is \$4.25. A reasonable price, indeed, for a scholarly guide which will prove to be indispensable to every Catholic library, and every non-Catholic library which houses an appreciable number of Catholic books.

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CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

But a comparatively short time ago the cry was for a strong, virile Catholic press. We have achieved that in most instances. The desideratum now is for intelligent Catholic readers to support the virile Catholic press by subscription, and by spreading afield knowledge of the Catholic press in quarters where such reading is apt to be considered too jejeune. The only constant, united front today against communism is the Catholic press.

It is the province of Catholic librarians to become conversant with every phase of the Catholic press that they may more intelligently and more ardently lead others to its appreciation.

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PRESIDENT BYRNE APPOINTS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Paul R. Byrne announces the appointment of a nominating committee consisting of: Rev. Albert O'Brien, O.F.M., St. Bonaventure Library, St. Bonaventure, N. Y.; Brother Oswald, C.F.X., Principal, St. Michael's Diocesan High School, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sister Mary Louise, Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, Brooklyn; Mrs. N. J. Cartmell, Chief of Children's Division, Queen's Borough Public Library, Jamaica, L. I., and Mr. William A. Gillard, St. John's University, Brooklyn. Ballots will not be printed for some weeks hence, but in the meantime the committee will be busy taking care of preliminary arrangements.

THOSE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

The biennial election of officers of the C. L. A. will take place this Spring. Ballots will be sent through the mail only to bona fide members of the Association as certified by the Secretary-Treasurer. Those alone will be eligible to vote whose dues for the current year, September, 1936-June, 1937, have been paid on or before March 15, 1937.

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PLEASE COOPERATE

We heartily bespeak the prompt and generous cooperation of Catholic librarians who are called upon to assist in compiling a list of Catholic books which are to be recommended for inclusion in the new revision of the Carnegie-Shaw List. Let us get together and assemble the cream of Catholic authorship in every field of human knowledge.

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FATHER BROWN'S BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SERIES HIGHLY PRAISED

The work of Rev. Stephen J. Brown, S.J., in the field of Catholic bibliography is both well known and appreciated among the librarians of Europe and America. His *Catholic Bibliographical Series* has often been a tremendous help in assembling data about Catholic books or authors. Enthusiastic praise has come to the author from various quarters, and the most recent expression of commendation came from the president of the Booksellers Association of France. In a recent article which radiated warm admiration for Father Brown's scholarly efforts the president termed the *Introduction to Catholic Booklore* "un grand ouvrage." The following titles comprise the *Catholic Bibliographical Series*: "An introduction to Catholic booklore" (5s), "International Index of Catholic biographies" (10s. 6d.), "Catalogue of novels and tales by Catholic writers" (3s. 6d.), "Catholic juvenile literature" (3s. 6d.), and "Catholic Mission literature" (3s. 6d.) The series is published by Burns Oates.

Father Brown is an honorary member of the C. L. A. He has written nearly a score of books and pamphlets. He is director of the Catholic Central Library, Dublin, and is in great demand on the Continent as a lecturer. This widely known Irish Jesuit scholar frequently finds time to write a friendly note to the *World*. Quoting from a letter received a few days ago: "Things are on the whole prospering in the library world here. The whole country, all but two counties, is covered with a network of county libraries. The Government has just allocated £10,000 for the inauguration of a system of hospital libraries. The C. C. L. (Catholic Central Library, Dublin) has nearly 30,000 volumes, and a new Catholic library is to be started in Belfast. Of course we have yet a very long way to go."

MANILA AT BUFFALO



The above picture represents a display which was prepared by the Library Staff of Canisius High School, Buffalo, New York.

For four days, beginning on February 3d and ending on February 7th, Catholics the world over joined in paying their diverse though united homage to the Eucharistic Lord of the Universe enthroned in the beautiful tropical city of Manila. The members of the hierarchy, Cardinals and Bishops; the religious Orders, Dominicans, Benedictines, Franciscans and Jesuits; the Sisterhoods; natives of the United States, the United Kingdom, France and the Netherlands, Germany and Italy, and war-torn Castile, and the countries of the Orient were all represented in the Canisius High Library by fully dressed dolls which had been prepared by the Library Staff. Most inter-

esting of these little people were two Filipinos, clad in their picturesque native costumes, with material that had been sent by a former Professor at Canisius. He is Rev. Eugene J. Gisel, S.J., a native of Rochester, who is at present Dean of the Department of Chemistry at the Ateneo de Manila, the West Point of the East.

At the rear of the exhibit were books on the peoples of the Philippines, their culture and civilization; histories of other International Eucharistic Congresses, pamphlets, newspaper accounts and circulars telling of this great Congress. Surmounting the exhibits was a beautiful illuminated altar on which was a Missal open to the story of the First Eucharistic Congress; the Mass of Corpus Christi. The Missal was loaned for the exhibit by Rev. Vincent J. Hart, S.J., Dean of the School.

ORGANIZATION MEETING OF KANSAS-MISSOURI UNIT

At the organization meeting of the Kansas-Missouri regional conference of librarians of Catholic colleges, high schools and hospitals, Sunday afternoon, January 31, 1937, at the Saint Mary College, Leavenworth, thirty delegates were present. Thirteen libraries were represented—six from Missouri and seven from Kansas. They are: Loretto Academy, Redemptorist High School, Rockhurst College, Saint Agnes Academy,

Saint Joseph Hospital, and Saint Teresa College, all of Kansas City, Missouri; and the Kansas libraries include Immaculata High School, Leavenworth, Immaculate Conception Academy, St. Mary's, Mt. St. Scholastica College, Atchison, Providence Hospital, Kansas City, Saint Benedict's College, Atchison, Saint Mary College, Leavenworth, and Saint Rose Hospital, Great Bend.

The formal program included the following papers: "What the local unit will mean to the hospital libra-

rian," by Sister Mary Maurice, O.P., of St. Rose Hospital, Great Bend; "The high school librarian and the regional conference," by Sister M. Ellen Patrice, of Loretto Academy, Kansas City, Mo.; "Why the regional meeting for the college librarian," by Rev. David R. Kinish, O.S.B., Associate Librarian of the Abbey Library, Atchison; "Problems of the hospital library," by Sister Rose Victor, of St. Mary College; and a report of the mid-winter meeting of the C. L. A. at Chicago, by Sister Mary Petrona, A.P.P.S., Sacred Heart Junior College, Wichita which was read by Sister Mary Irene, Immaculate Conception Academy, St. Mary's, Kansas.

The severely cold weather and the icy highways prevented some delegates from attending, but those who came were enthusiastic in planning for the future. Briefly, the results of their discussions and plans are:

1. To apply to the Executive Council of the Catholic Library Association for their approval of a Kansas-Missouri Regional Conference whose territory will include the state of Kansas and nearby cities of Missouri.
2. To hold two meetings each year: an all-day meeting in the fall, which will include a general session in the morning, and, in the afternoon, round-table meetings for the three types of librarians, namely the college, the high school, and the hospital librarians; and an afternoon meeting in the spring, again a round-table, at a time and place satisfactory to each group.
3. To have a chairman and a secretary for the organization. The former is to be the librarian of the institution which offers hospitality for the fall meeting and is to continue in office through the year following such meeting; the secretary is to be chosen by the chairman.

The fall meeting will be held at Mt. St. Scholastica College, Atchison, where Sister Mary Florence Feeney, O.S.B., is librarian. The officers for 1937 for the newly organized Kansas-Missouri Conference are: chairman, Sister Mary Mark, Librarian, The Saint Mary College; and secretary, Sister Mary Judith, Immaculata High School, both of Leavenworth, Kansas.

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SHORT BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CHURCH HISTORY

Welcomed by Librarians and Teachers

Of invaluable assistance to teachers and librarians will be *A Short Bibliography of Church History* compiled by Rev. Francis S. Betten, S.J., of Marquette University, and just issued from the Mission Press, Techny, Ill. For some two-score years Father Betten has been a thorough and searching student of history, Catholic Church history in particular. In 1919 he compiled a similar list which was published in the

N. C. E. A. *Bulletin*. The author's latest effort, however, is much more complete. Titles are grouped under specific headings and there follows an alphabetical list of authors. This bibliography of 30 pages is intended to make known to those interested in Catholic historical literature the wealth of material which is available. Most Reverend Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Milwaukee, has written an appreciative foreword which concludes, "This work will be welcomed by many friends of Truth. It comes from the pen of Father Betten who, through many years, has labored well and earnestly for the true and unbiased presentation of the History of the Church in the Class-room and in literature, scientific and popular."

Single copies are 10 cents each. Five or more copies, 8 cents each. Orders for single copies should be sent to Father Betten at Marquette and larger orders to Mission Press, Techny, Ill.

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Recommendations to The Catholic Library Association Taken From Papers and Discussion at the Mid-Winter Conference Held at Mundelein College, Chicago, December 28-29, 1926

1. Endorse a syndicated book rating modelled on the Legion of Decency. (Perhaps through Cardinal Hayes Literature Committee.)
2. Seek ways of getting more publicity for the Catholic Library Ass'n. (In this regard cf my paper read at the Chicago mid-Winter Conference, 1935.)
3. Sponsor an author and subject index to The Book Survey of The Cardinal Hayes Literature Committee. Index made with a view to cumulation. (This could well be handled in New York or Washington by committee of 2 or 3. One L. C. card could be ordered for each title and used as basis of index, subject headings given by L. C. Perhaps Hayes Committee would be willing to pay for this one card if the C. L. A. supplies index. Index could well be cumulated each year and published with last number of each volume. Such an index would increase the value of Book Survey immensely. Talked this over with the editor of the survey and found him much interested.)
4. The suggestion was made that C. L. A. work out a practical plan whereby pastors can purchase books at a worthwhile reduction. Committee in C. L. A. for distributing books to pastors. Committee to deal directly with publishers and entitled to maximum discount. Sufficient profit would accrue to committee to enable them to circularize pastors and maintain an office.
5. Continuing No. 4. "Until the pastors of America know about the C. L. A. and its aims and purposes we cannot expect them to cooperate with this association. And the best way for the C. L. A. to endear itself with the 13,000 pastors of this country is to give them something no one else has done." Sug-

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gests also a committee to study parish libraries with a view to drawing up practical plans and procedures. Have this printed and sent to all pastors.

6. Periodical publication of a Catholic book list—Catholic press in conjunction with C. L. A.—edit an up-to-date, critical estimate of books and authors. (Why not use what we now have and cooperate to better it. Why can't this be done with the Book Survey. One way of doing this is recommended in number 3 above.)

7. Write to all Catholic publishers in the name of the C. L. A. asking that they deposit copies of their books at the Library of Congress at the same time the book is issued or sent to reviewers. (Bruce Co. and Sheed and Ward promised at the meeting to do this.)

8. Encourage courses in Catholic Literature in high schools and colleges and especially in the training of teachers-in-preparation.

9. Encourage the inclusion of treatment and discussion of Catholic books and authors in regular courses in English and American literature.

10. Give every encouragement possible to mature authorship.

11. Encourage the spread of rental libraries, study clubs, literary lectures. Open high school and college libraries to general public.

12. Give encouragement to professional and scientific organizations. (E.g. giving every cooperation to N. C. E. A. in the work of compiling a supplement to the Shaw List now in progress.)

13. Help break down prejudice about pious nature and high cost of Catholic books. (We might call upon those publishers who are worst offenders to try to come up to a standard we set for them. Something like the A. L. A. does in binding.)

14. Include book reviews in the *C. P. I.* Devise some means of getting the *C. P. I.* on its feet and keeping it there.

15. Support Mr. Willing in his work with pamphlets and in the diffusion of his index which will soon be available in print.

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N. B.—The compiler's opinions are put in parenthesis.

AMONG THE PAMPHLETS

Beckman, Francis J. L. *Catholic Action and Scouting*. Catholic Committee on Scouting, 2 Park Ave., New York City, 1936. 24 pp.

Value of the Boy Scout movement.

Betten, Francis S. *A short bibliography of Church history* for the use of teachers and students. With an introduction by the Most. Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Abp. of Milwaukee. Mission Press, Techny, Ill., 1936. 32 pp. 10c.

Critical annotations.

Cox, Ignatius W. *Birth control, birth controllers and perversion of logic*. (An answer to the critics of Cardinal Hayes.) Paulist, 1936. 32 pp. 5c.

Detailed rebuttal of statements from birth-controllers.

Curran, Edward Lodge. *Facts about Communism*. International Catholic Truth Society, 1936. 160 pp. 25c.

"Facts about the nature and purpose and methods of Communism." Contents: Communism—origin and development. Philosophy of Communism. Communism and religion. Communism and morals. Communism and economics. Communism in the U. S. Study outline. Bibliography.

Gillis, James M. *The life of the soul*. Nine addresses delivered in the Catholic Hour, Nov. 1-Dec. 27, 1936. Our Sunday Visitor, 1937. 87 pp. 25c.

Contents: Religion. Prayer. Mysticism. Self-discipline. Temptation. Sin. The Presence of God. The destiny of the soul. Christmas.

Goldstein, David. *Americanism vs. Communism; liberty or tyranny*. Central Bureau Press, 1936. 20 pp.

Contrasts American and Communist principles in various fields.

Hayes, Patrick. *Pope Pius XI*. An address delivered in the Catholic Hour on May 31, 1936. Our Sunday Visitor, 1936. 13 pp. 15c.

Address of felicitation on the Pope's seventy-ninth birthday.

Hennrich, Kilian J. *The Seraphic Youth; a manual and workbook for the members and directors of the Third Order of St. Francis*. Third Order Bureau, 1740 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, 1936. 94 pp. 50c.

Contents: Manual. Work-study plans. Devotions. Bibliography.

Hintgen, Victor J. *What the Mass means*. An explanation: the prayers and ceremonies of the Mass. Witness Publishing Co., Dubuque, Ia. 1936. 45 pp.

Lord, Daniel A. *Atheism doesn't make sense*. Queen's Work, 1936. 41 pp. 10c.

Incontestable arguments for the existence of God.

What birth control is doing to the U. S. Queen's Work, 1936. 41 pp. 10c.

Factual study.

McCann, Frederick John. *Contraception a common cause of disease*. Central Bureau Press, St. Louis, Mo., 1936. 23 pp. 15c.

Detailed criticism of contraceptive methods.

Michel, Virgil. *The theory of state*. Wanderer Printing Co., St. Paul, 1936. 44 pp. 15c.

Nature, forms and problems of the state. (Social question, 9.)

National Catholic Welfare Conference. *How to judge the morality of moving pictures; a popular guide to right standards in motion picture entertainment*, authorized by the Episcopal Committee on Motion Pictures for the Legion of Decency. N. C. W. C., 1936. 8 pp. 5c. (2 copies.)

Noll, John Francis. *It is Happening Here*. Our Sunday Visitor, 1936. 68 pp.

Contents: Communism in the U. S. Communist supporting organizations. Communism and the cultured. Communism and the wealthy. Morals in Russia. Religious freedom in Russia. Communism active everywhere. Our plain duty. Catechism on Communism. The antidote. Truth about the Spanish situation.

Our Heavenly Companions. Benedictine Convent, Clyde, Mo., 1936. 64 pp. 10c.

Manifold offices of the guardian angels, our duties toward them, and the benefits they bestow; also contains the Mass of the Angels, novenas, litanies, and other prayers.

Pius XI, Pope. *Why Catholics Condemn Communism*. A series of illuminating excerpts from the allocutions, papal pronouncements, letters and encyclicals of Pius XI. . . . N. C. W. C., 1936. 42 pp. 10c.

Each excerpt preceded by a brief introduction and followed by a bibliographical note.

St. John's Abbey. Collegeville, Minn. *The Social Problem*. The author, 1936. V. 1, 131 pp. 35c.

Series of lectures given during the Central Verein Institute for Social Study. With questions and readings. Book one: Social concepts and problems.

Somerville, Henry. *A course of social study, first year*. Extension Print, 67 Bond St., Toronto, Canada, 1936. 79 pp. 15c.

"Written as lessons for study clubs." Stresses the ethical approach. Preface with directions on study club procedure. Contents: What social science is. Meaning of moral. Human society. The state. State authority limited. Forms of government. Democracy. Dictatorship. Theories of race. Nationalism. Rights of man. Liberty. Primitive right of property. Modern question of property. Socialism and private property. Private property needed for human welfare. Duties of ownership. Charity: its social function. Charity and public relief.

Study club outline on the liturgical year. Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minn., 1936. 16 pp. 5c.

Designed "to present study clubs with sufficient material and references for obtaining a clear and edifying knowledge of the Church Year and its parts. A complete unit course."

NEW BOOKS

THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Selection for January

Lockhart, R. H. Bruce. *Return to Malaya*. New York: Putnam. \$3.

After an absence of a quarter of a century, the author of *British Agent* returns to the Eastern region in which he has been such a keen observer, and now he notes new trends and tells of them and of his lighter experiences in an entertaining style.

Selection for February

Stancourt, Louis. *A Flower for Sign*. New York: Macmillan. \$2.50.

This first novel is the tale of a man who wanders from his Church in early youth, soon forgets his God, but later treads the "Convert Path."

THE SPIRITUAL BOOK ASSOCIATES

Selection for February

Vandeur, Dom Eugene. *The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, The Ladder of Sanctity*. New York: Benziger. \$2.

The Mass presented by a student of liturgy with a true sense of the relationship between public worship and asceticism.

THE RELIGION AND CULTURE SERIES

Selection for February

Schumacher, Rev. H., D.D. *The Social Message of the New Testament*. Appendix—The Social Message of the Church. Milwaukee: Bruce.

A valuable treatise, examining in Part I the Social Message of Christ in such phases as The Social Message of Christ's Example, Christ's Mercy and Kindness Toward Men, Social Implication of Man's Duty Toward God, Revaluation of Personality, — of the Family, — of Poverty and Wealth, — of the State; in Part II, The Social Message of the Apostolic Age, giving the teaching of the Apostles, especially of St. Paul; and in the Conclusion, The Social Crisis and Catholic Action.

THE SCIENCE AND CULTURE SERIES

Selection for February

McCarthy, Rev. Raphael C., S.J., Ph.D. *Safeguarding Mental Health*. Preface. Milwaukee: Bruce.

A Catholic pioneer in the field with his manual of adolescent psychology, the new president of Marquette University now offers another exceptional book in this presentation of the nature and treatment of mental diseases and of the means of achieving emotional maturity applying in the cases of adults and children.

THE SHEED & WARD BOOK SOCIETY

Selection for March

Walsh, William Thomas. *Philip II*. 400 pp. New York: Sheed. \$4.

With the painstaking scholarship that characterized his classic, *Isabella of Spain*, Dr. Walsh searches the life and background of the much-maligned Philip and produces a definitive biography.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Bartmann, Dr. Nernhard. *Purgatory—A Book of Christian Comfort*. Translated from the German by Dom Ernest Graf, O.S.B. London: Burns, Oates & Washbourne. 7s. 6d.

Searching into history, the learned author of this consoling book re-states "the optimism of the primitive Church" and traces through the ages the opinions of theologians who incline toward a less rigorous interpretation of the punishment undergone by the Holy Souls.

McTague, Rev. Edward J. *Mary, Mother of Nations—Sermonettes for the Miraculous Medal Novenas*. Philadelphia: Peter Reilly. \$1.50.

Suitable for sermon material or meditation are these partially developed pieces on the Blessed Virgin as Mother of nations.

Murray, Rev. Desmond, O.P. *Tales of the Blessed Sacrament*. 121 pp. St. Louis: Herder. \$1.

Brief studies of the Blessed Sacrament as regards the references to it in the Scripture and St. Thomas and as regards the symbolism of the apertures of the altar, all designed to strengthen faith and intensify devotion.

Mother Mary Philip, I.B.V.M. *The Promises of Christ*. London: Burns, Oates & Washbourne. \$1.40.

In two sections this stimulating little book treats the promises of Christ as recorded in Scripture and as disclosed to St. Margaret Mary.

Stuart, Janet Erskine. *Prayer in Faith*. Vols. I and II. New York: Longmans. Each \$1.40.

Apt selections from the eloquent Spiritual Notes and Occasional Verses of this famous superior of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, these follow the principal seasons of the liturgical year.

The Roman Breviary: Autumn. An English Version by Charles Francis Brown and the Benedictine Nuns of Stanbrook. Preface by Abbot Fernand Cabrol, O.S.B. New York: Benziger. \$4.25.

The first of the four volumes of the Breviary, well rendered into English—the only one of its kind since that of the Marquis of Bute—and admirable for the needs of the increasing number of lay people demanding it for their participation in the liturgy.

A German Priest. *Peace and the Clergy*. Translated by Conrad M. R. Bonacina. 150 pp. New York: Sheed, \$1.75.

That the peace problem is a religious one, that the clergy have a heavy responsibility in promoting peace, and that the prevalent spirit of nationalism has invaded clerical ranks are among the points elucidated in this courageous book of an exiled German priest writing, of necessity, anonymously.

SOCIOLOGY

Ross, Eva. J. *Social Origins*. Bibliography. Maps. Index. 100 pp. New York: Sheed. \$1.25.

Based on a course of lectures given at the Social Guild Summer School at Oxford, this is a compact and scholarly presentation of facts proving that private property, the family, and the state are natural institutions, that mythology is not a form of religion but a first attempt at science, and that magical and impure religions are not primitive.

Walsh, Mary Elizabeth, Ph.D. *The Saints and Social Work*. Appendix. 199 pp. Dilver Spring, Md.: Preservation of the Faith. \$2.

In this excellent doctoral dissertation, written in the tone of Dr. Paul H. Furley's *Five on the Earth*, twenty-five saints and beati of the nineteenth century are studied for their contributions to social work, and their principles and techniques are expounded.

Confrey, Burton, Ph.D. *Readings for Catholic Action*. 1700 pp. Manchester, N. H.; The Magnificat Press. \$3.

An immense collection of articles and news items on all phases of Catholic Action, valuable to schools and organizations as conducing to an understanding of recent development of thought among Catholics, especially along the lines of the social science.

EDUCATION

Fitzpatrick, Edward A. *Readings in the Philosophy of Education*. Century Catholic College Texts. Index. New York: Appleton-Century. \$3.

A source book comprising almost eight hundred readings applying to the various levels of education from the elementary school through the university and judiciously chosen by the dean of the Graduate School of Marquette University.

Goebel, Rev. Edmund J. *A Study of Catholic Secondary Education During the Colonial Period*. Appendix. Bibliog. 269 pp. New York: Benziger. \$2.50.

A doctoral dissertation submitted to Catholic University is issued in book form. This is the story of an important, though perhaps forgotten, chapter of the development of Catholic secondary education in the U. S. from 1606 to the First Plenary Council of Baltimore, 1851.

LITERATURE

Brégy, Katherine. *Ladders and Bridges*. A Book of Verse. Philadelphia: McKay. \$1.50.

Another significant contribution to Catholic letters in America from the pen of Miss Brégy, this volume contains verses in various strains and forms, all of them delicate, pointed, with good singing quality and authentic religious feeling.

Gill, Eric. *An Essay on Typography*. 2d edition. 133 pp. New York: Sheed. \$2.

A revised, enlarged edition of an essay which in a limited edition six years ago was accepted as authority; its appreciation of Faith, scholarship, and craftsmanship make it of wide appeal.

Pepler, H. D. C. *The Field Is Won*. A Play in Mime. Illustrations by Thomas Derrick. Hassocks, Sussex, England: St. Dominic's Press. 75c.

Published with careful directions for producing, this play in pantomime by one of England's eminent exponents of that art, is highly dramatic and effective.

White, Helen C. *The Metaphysical Poets*. New York: Macmillan. \$3.

The author of splendid historical novels, as *A Watch in the Night*, writes with a sure hand of the mysticism of Donne, Crashaw, Herbert, Taughn, and Traherne, giving the first real exposition of the common ground on which they meet.

HISTORY AND TRAVEL

Lord, Rev. Daniel A., S.J. *My European Diary*. St. Louis: Queen's Work Press. \$2.

A pertinent and entertaining record of a recent trip taken by the author of plays, books, and pamphlets who is also the national director of the Sodality of Our Lady.

Madaras, Rev. Edward F., S.J. *Al Baghdadi, Tales Told by the Tigris.* 417 pp. Illustrated. New York: Jesuit Mission Press. \$2.50.

A particularly sprightly and enlightening account of the experiences of the author and his companions sent in 1932 to found Baghdad College, Iraq.

Morton, H. V. *In the Footsteps of St. Paul.* New York: Dodd, Mead. \$2.50.

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Certain principles which may be applied in the administration of the liberal arts college library, as distinct from the university and technical school, are ably set forth by two experienced and well-equipped library administrators.

HOW TO MAKE STATISTICS YOUR LIBRARY SALESMAN

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All librarians must sell their library to the faculty and to the students. Selling the students is a simple task compared with selling the faculty and especially the superior. You cannot face them with indefinite statements about the pressing need for books. They are business people accustomed to doing things in a businesslike way, and if you wish results for your library you must learn to speak in the same positive way that they do; backed by proof. Seriously speaking, the great majority of the faculty labor under the delusion that the librarian has nothing to do all day but read books and paste pictures. It is up to librarians to dispel such illusions and to prove the adage that "a teacher's work is from sun to sun, but a librarian's work is never done." How can you accomplish this wonderful feat? The answer is really quite simple; just keep records, they will do the talking for you.

I have prepared some forms which you may use for an example of the different types of work recorded. It is impossible to record all work done, but even a little helps. Reference questions alone are a perfect example of this. Some questions take only a

second to answer, others take hours. Under the heading books we have all the processes they go through, such as mended, marked, classified, cataloged, book cards, pockets, date slips and catalog cards. Each library book undergoes most of these processes upon entering the library. The displays made should be carefully noted as they take much time and consideration.

You may laugh at the next on the list which is overdue, but bear with me until I go through the procedure of send-notices. Each one must be checked to see if it has been returned to the shelf without a card; you must go over the unslipped books and each notice must have the date sent recorded on it. This procedure is not elaborate, in fact, it is required in all public libraries. You can then speak with assurance when dealing with students who have overdue books. It also creates a feeling of confidence in the library, when students realize that everything is checked up carefully.

Booklists represent some of the librarian's special services to teachers and so should be recorded and explained to the faculty. Only the librarian knows the many hours spent in compiling a list of books for the Latin teacher, or the English teacher, or the History teacher. The space left for miscellaneous may be used for such things as special classes conducted by the librarian, number of letters sent out, etc.

Now we come to one of the most important records, not only to the library but to the school as well; for modern education is rapidly making the library the laboratory of the school. Keep the attendance record daily. It will prove to be a big help toward getting more money for library equipment and books. It will also show up the teachers. Poor attendance can mean only one of three things, old-fashioned teaching methods, lack of books, or a poor librarian who is stingy with her services. Now I know it could not be a case of "poor librarian" for any of you who have taken the trouble to attend this meeting, so if your attendance is small it is one of the other reasons. These can be easily rectified when statistics are presented at a faculty meeting.

Perhaps your library is overcrowded, you need a new room—let statistics do your talking for you. There isn't anyone who can give battle in the face of exact figures. The best form of keeping an attendance record is to have a student helper count the number of students in the room before school, during the periods and after school. This should be marked on a small slip or card which is kept in the corner of the librarian's desk. A helper may prepare these forms for weeks in advance.

The last thing on my statistics sheet is a record of the fines taken in each day. It lets everyone know that the library is not the self supporting institution that most people think.

I have saved the best until last. The circulation statistics are the greatest salesman any high school librarian could have. They serve as a check on the work done in all departments, as a check on the librarian's work, and as an aid in obtaining new books. If you want to know what work the religion classes do just glance at the two hundreds. Is the monthly number 2 or 200? The civics department falls under the 300 section and all your sciences come in the five hundreds. It is not right to expect too much of these departments as a great deal of their work is done in the reference books. However, the monthly statistics will be a revelation to most teachers. They show whether they have grown with the times and made the library the laboratory for their classes. If you have a business department in your school you should rightfully expect your 600 group to be fairly large, that is, if your business collection is up to date. If it is not, it would be wise to build it up, because high school represents the only contact with learning that most of the business students will have. If they receive the service needed in high school their education will not stop, but will grow into the use of the public library.

The two groups which must use the library are the History and the English departments. Modern education has decreed that these subjects be taught, not by the old lecture methods, but by the new laboratory method. That is, the student uses his text only as an aid, outside reading is the way to learn. It usually happens that most of your English outside reading comes, not in the eight hundreds, but in the fiction. In sending in your report it would be wise to note this. For the librarian must be fair with the teachers by giving credit where credit is due.

In order to have complete records it is necessary to keep them from day to day. This takes only a short time and the results are well worth it. The reports should be handed in to the office every month. The same form may be used for your office report, but instead of making it daily, make it a weekly and total it for the month. By using this sheet form it is easy to get your complete totals.

I chose this subject deliberately when Sister asked me to address this group of Catholic librarians. It has been my personal experience in visiting Catholic schools to note that very few use any type of record outside of total circulation. If they could realize the value of this detailed form of statistics I am sure there would not be a high school library without them. Public libraries are built and maintained on statistics. Why shouldn't Catholic libraries be? In public libraries when circulation increases in a subject more books are added to take care of the demand. When the circulation and attendance increase alarmingly, larger quarters are provided. When the volume of work passes a certain point, a new worker is added. All

this is the result of statistics. Don't you think they are worth trying?

I know what you are going to say—"It is lack of money"—the mortgage on the building—or some other excuse the superiors have on hand when requests for money come in. What Catholic school hasn't a debt? It seems that the debt situation will always be with you so why worry? Rather you should worry about your poor library which must serve as an education and inspiration to your students. The library and its work will live on long after you have gone and the building has crumbled to dust. It is the personal responsibility of every high school librarian to build up her library and to do her part in making it the most important part of the school. *Why not let statistics do the selling for you?*

WANTS

Sister M. Dorothea, SS.N.D., Librarian, Notre Dame Junior College, 320 E. Ripa Avenue, St. Louis, is anxious to acquire the following: *America*—Volumes 12, 14, 20-22.

The following periodicals are needed by Sister M. De Lourdes, Librarian, Briar Cliff College, Sioux City, Iowa:

Commonweal—vol. 2, No. 6; vol. 3, Nos. 3-5, 7-9, 12-16, 18, 20, 23, 25; vol. 4, Nos. 12, 14, 17.

Saturday Review of Literature—vol. 8, Nos. 1-11; vol. 12, Nos. 14, 16; vol. 14, No. 16.

Catholic World—volumes 111-118, inclusive; vol. 119, Nos. 709, 710, 712-14; vol. 120, all numbers; vol. 121, No. 722.

Sister De Lourdes has scattered duplicates of magazines which she is desirous of using as exchange, such as, *America*, *Ecclesiastical Review*, *Commonweal*, *Sign*, *World's Work*, *Literary Digest*, and *National Geographic*.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The January issue of the *Library Quarterly* contains a mighty interesting article, "The Vatican Library During Recent Years," written by Igino Giordani, director of the Vatican Library School, and a warm admirer of the C. L. A.

Mr. Eugene P. Willging is daily receiving orders for his Index to 1400 American Catholic Pamphlets. The data offered in this book of 135 pages are well worth the price of \$1.50. Every Catholic librarian should obtain a copy by getting in touch with Mr. Willging at St. Thomas College, Scranton, Pa.

The Survey of Current Catholic Literature issued monthly by the Spiritual Book Associates offers its readers a handy book and magazine index. Herein are listed by subject books and magazine articles which will enable one to keep abreast of the times in Catholic literature.